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## Proceedings of the Club.

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9TH, 1894.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The President in the chair and eighteen persons present.

Annual reports were submitted by both sections of the Committee on Local Flora, and by the Herbarium Committee.

For the former, Section on Phanerogams, Dr. Britton reported that there was a large amount of material in hand available as a foundation for writing a local flora, and enumerated the principal sources and repositories of such information. Several members expressed approval of the report. The Secretary suggested the advisability of making this flora, when written, descriptive in the fullest sense of the term. There seemed to him no good reason for confining descriptions to leaves, flowers and fruits, omitting such parts—less conspicuous, but not less important—as roots, structure of bark, wood, leaves, etc. It would be impossible to begin such work with a flora covering an extensive region, but it might begin with local floras. Dr. Britton replied that several works which had been very successful had been written on a plan tending in this direction. The President remarked upon the desirability of work of this kind.

For the section on Cryptogams Mrs. Britton reported a large amount of excellent work done by members of the committee as individuals, Dr. Jelliffe's work upon the plants in the Brooklyn water supply being specially noted. The great desirability of a check-list of North American mosses, based on the revised code of nomenclature, was pointed out.

Miss Rogers reported that the Curators were unable to properly care for the Club's collections, and did not feel like greatly multiplying them, because of lack of room and conveniences. For the same reason the herbarium bequeathed by the late Miss McCabe had not been unpacked, arranged, or listed. The preparation of a list of desiderata was awaiting the appearance of the new check-list, which should serve as a basis.

Annual reports were submitted by the Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Editor; the Curator's report being given above for the Herbarium Committee.

The Treasurer, Mr. Ogden, reported all receipts of the Club as amounting to \$1,528.45 and disbursements of \$1,509.36.

The Recording Secretary, Dr. Rusby, reported upon meetings, attendance, membership and scientific contributions. The attendance has been about the same as in 1892, 412 total and 27 average, the largest 44 and smallest 17. There had been 2 resignations, 3 dropped for non-payment of dues, 3 active, 1 corresponding and 1 honorary member died, with election of 18 active members, yielding a net gain of 1, and making the total membership at present 165. The number of scientific papers presented was 37, nearly double that of the previous year. Considerably more than half of these had been accepted for publication, and had resulted in contributing to science 4 new genera and 107 new species and varieties.

The Editor, Dr. Britton, reported a greater amount of publication effected than during any preceding year, there being 501 pages and 36 full page plates in Vol. 20 of the BULLETIN. Reference was made to the improved method of making up the Index to Recent Literature relating to American Botany which would be adopted in the January number.

The publications in the MEMOIRS were enumerated as follows:

Vol. 3, No. 2. "The Naiadaceæ of North America," by Dr. Thomas Morong, 65 pages and 54 plates.

Vol. 3, No. 3. "Enumeration of the Plants collected in Bolivia by Miguel Bang," by Dr. H. H. Rusby, 67 pages.

Vol. 4, No. 1. "Index Hepaticarum; Bibliography," by Prof. L. M. Underwood, 91 pages.

Vol. 4, No. 2. "The Botanical Exploration of Virginia," by Mr. John K. Small and Miss Anna Murray Vail, is in press, as is also

Vol. 5, No. 1, consisting of the "Check-list of Plants of North-eastern North America," authorized by the Botanists of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

It was suggested that the size of the BULLETIN should not be further increased with the subscription price remaining at \$2, and the Club's membership fee remaining at \$4. Any increase in the

Club's funds would be more wisely devoted to extending the MEMOIRS. It was desirable that several back numbers of the BULLETIN be reprinted, so as to allow of preparing a number of full sets of the volumes.

The Club, upon motion of Dr. Rusby, authorized the Editors to reprint the deficient numbers of the BULLETIN in accordance with the suggestion contained in the report.

Under Election of Officers, Dr. Wheelock moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast an affirmative ballot for the reëlection of all the present officers. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Upon motion by Dr. Britton, the Secretary was requested to place upon the minutes a suitable entry recognizing the character and worth of the late Justus F. Poggenburg, and his connection with and services to the Club and to the cause of Botany, and to communicate a copy of the same to his family.

The regular paper of the evening was then presented by Dr. Britton, entitled "Notes on the Herbarium of Stephen Elliott." An abstract is printed in this number of the BULLETIN.

### Index to Recent Literature Relating to American Botany.

**Atkinson, George F.** Frost freaks of herbaceous Plants. Bot. Gaz. 19: 40-42. 17 Ja. 1894.

Brief account of frost freaks in *Cunila Mariana* and an unidentified composite.

**Craig, Thos.** A new *Dictyosphaerium*. Proc. Nat. Sci. Assn. S. I. 4: 10. *Illustrated*. 13 Ja. 1894.

**Davis, Chas. A.** Botanical Problems. Asa Gray Bull. No. 4. 1894.

**DeCandolle, Casimir.** Three new Species of Mexican Plants. Bot. Gaz. 19: 39-40. 17 Ja. 1894.

*Guarea Palmeri* Rose, *Trichilia Palmer* C. D.C. and *Trichilia Colimana* C. D.C. collected by Edward Palmer.

**Eby, Amelia F.** Preliminary List of the Lichens of Lancaster County, Pa. Pamphlet, pp. 5. 29 Ja. 1894.

**Farlow, W. G.** Notes for Mushroom-eaters II., III. Gard. & For. 7: 43. 31 Ja.; 52. 7 Fb. 1894.

With illustrations of *Agaricus procerus*, *A. campestris* and *A. phalloides*.